

EIGHTH DAY

Tuesday, February 3, 2009

The Senate of the Twenty-Fifth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2009, convened at 11:38 a.m. with the President in the Chair.

The Divine Blessing was invoked by the Reverend Hiroki Maeda, Jodo Mission of Hawaii, after which the Roll was called showing all Senators present.

The President announced that she had read and approved the Journal of the Seventh Day.

MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

The following message from the Governor (Gov. Msg. No. 242) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Gov. Msg. No. 242, dated January 7, 2009, transmitting the Hawaii Coastal Zone Management Annual Report, pursuant to Section 205A-3, HRS.

DEPARTMENTAL COMMUNICATION

The following communication (Dept. Com. No. 56) was read by the Clerk and was placed on file:

Dept. Com. No. 56, from the University of Hawaii, dated January 29, 2009, transmitting a Report on a Plan to Develop, Offer, or Expand Philippine Language and Related Courses at the University of Hawaii Campuses and Public Schools for 2009, pursuant to S.C.R. No. 120 (2008).

ORDER OF THE DAY

RE-REFERRAL OF SENATE BILLS

The Chair re-referred the following Senate bills that were introduced:

S.B. No.	Re-referred to:
S.B. No. 109	Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 270	Jointly to the Committee on Economic Development and Technology and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 301	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 510	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 537	Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 559	Jointly to the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 568	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

S.B. No. 638	Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 643	Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 655	Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 817	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 821	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 824	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Human Services, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 948	Committee on Labor, then to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection
S.B. No. 1008	Jointly to the Committee on Health and the Committee on Energy and Environment and the Committee on Water, Land, Agriculture and Hawaiian Affairs
S.B. No. 1149	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 1274	Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, then to the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations
S.B. No. 1326	Jointly to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and the Committee on Economic Development and Technology, then to the Committee on Ways and Means
S.B. No. 1331	Jointly to the Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs and the Committee on Judiciary and Government Operations, then to the Committee on Ways and Means

Senator Baker rose on a point of personal privilege and said:

“Madam President, colleagues, yesterday Hawai'i lost a truly great woman, Dr. Donnis Thompson. She was a trailblazer, a champion for women athletics, and a champion for women's rights overall.

“As one of her former students noted, she was ‘way, way ahead of her time.’ Donnis Thompson was UH's first director of athletics. She also served as the superintendent of Hawai'i's public schools. And, for us, she helped inspire Congresswoman Patsy Mink to write the Title IX legislation, which made it illegal for any education program receiving federal assistance to discriminate on the basis of gender.

“She grew up in Chicago with two passions: track and education. By the age of 16, she graduated from high school; by age 20, a bachelor's degree. And then she went on to earn a

doctorate in physical education administration. In 1961, she moved to Hawai'i to start UH's women's track and field program. As the article in this morning's paper noted, 'the track was dirt and the budget dirt poor.' That was pre-Title IX.

"As one of her former athletes noted, 'She was a great lady. She was unselfish, always a giver. She always broke down barriers. She didn't see color. It was not a part of her. She fought for the rights of the most needy'—for children and for women.

"She was indeed a woman of many talents. One of those was really encouraging and advancing the cause of women athletics here at the UH. And one of the things that I found most amazing in her background was the efforts on behalf of women's volleyball—charging admission and bringing the sport to a much larger arena. She was, by the time she left UH, instrumental in seeing that the school had added five women's sports and won the first national team title (just happened to be the national volleyball title in 1979). She was truly a trailblazer and a woman for all seasons, and I know that women's athletics and women's sports not just here in Hawai'i, but throughout our country, would not be at the level that they are now without her persistence.

"So, Madam President, to honor her legacy and her memory, I request that the Senate observe a moment of silence and adjourn on a rising vote in memory of Dr. Donniss Thompson, a trailblazer who called Hawai'i 'home.' "

The Chair so ordered.

#### ADJOURNMENT

At 11:48 a.m., on motion by Senator Sakamoto, seconded by Senator Slom and carried, the Senate adjourned until 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, February 4, 2009, on a rising vote, observing a moment of silence in memory of Dr. Donniss Thompson.